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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2013-0036; Notice 1]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that

Nonconforming 2012 Ahlm SBT 16-25 Trailers

Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT

ACTION: Receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 2012 Ahlm SBT 16-25 trailers that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) are eligible for importation into the United States because they have safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all such standards.

DATE: The closing date for comments on the petition is [Insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket and notice numbers above and be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251

Instructions: Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that your comments were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor

union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the *Federal Register* published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

How to Read Comments submitted to the Docket: You may read the comments received by Docket Management at the address and times given above. You may also view the documents from the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID number and title of this notice are shown at the heading of this document notice. Please note that even after the comment closing date, we will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments. Accordingly, we recommend that you periodically search the Docket for new material.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Stevens, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5308).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30141(a)(1)(B), a motor vehicle, including a trailer, that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable FMVSS, and has no substantially

similar U.S.-certified counterpart, shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle has safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS based on destructive test data or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the Federal Register of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the Federal Register.

Skytop Rover Co. of Philadelphia, PA (Registered Importer 06-343) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether nonconforming 2012 Ahlm SBT 16-25 trailers are eligible for importation into the United States. Skytop Rover submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that 2012 Ahlm SBT 16-25 trailers are capable of being altered to comply with all

standards to which they were not originally manufactured to conform. The petitioner contends that the nonconforming 2012 Ahlm SBT 16-25 trailers meet or are capable of being altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

Standard No. 106 - Brake Hoses: Conforming hoses were purchased and installed during manufacture.

Standard No. 108 Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment: The vehicle was equipped with a conforming 12-volt electrical system during manufacture. Conforming conspicuity tape and lights were installed during manufacture in a manner conforming to the standard.

Standard No. 119 New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars: The vehicle is equipped with tires conforming to the requirements of the standard.

Standard No. 120 Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars: The vehicle will have a tire and rim information placard installed to meet the requirements of the standard.

Standard No. 121 Air Brake Systems: The vehicle was manufactured with an integrated axle, suspension, and brake package installed. The petitioner submitted test reports to

validate that the system conforms to the requirements of the standard.

Standard No. 223 Rear Impact Guards: The petitioner provided test results for the rear impact guard to show that it conforms to the standard.

Standard No. 224 Rear Impact Protection: The vehicle was manufactured with a conforming rear impact guard, with the required label, installed in a manner consistent with the impact guard manufacturer's instructions.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above addresses both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8.

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